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1. Richard Staimer, 1st Secretary of the GST, at a meeting in April, stated that the organization was not to be regarded solely as a youth organization as older men were needed everywhere to give it the benefit of their experience. A well-placed official commented privately on this statement that "a great deal of the inefficiency of the GST is due to the brashness of young officials."
2. At the same meeting, Staimer also stated that:
 - a. "Eyewash" reports from lower echelons seeking to whitewash their own failures must cease.
 - b. (i) There must be no rivalry between the Kampfgruppen and the GST, and to this end not more than 10%-12% of the staff of large enterprises should be recruited by the Kampfgruppen.
 (ii) The function of the Kampfgruppen is to defend factories. The function of the GST on the other hand is to train the masses for defense.
 - c. Full-time members of the GST were not to be recruited by KVP (Garrisoned Police) or VOPO (People's Police) unless permission had first been granted by the area (Bezirk) headquarters of the SED. In the case of leading functionaries, clearance would have to be given by the Central Committee of the SED.
 - d. Functionaries of the GST would be awarded military ranks by the end of June.
 - e. First, Second and Third Secretaries, as well as instructors, must undergo special combat sport training courses. An assessment at the end of the course will be noted in their papers, viz:
 Fit for present post
 Fit for promotion.
3. A new directive issued in Halle on 7 April, lays down training standards for what is called Combat Sportmanship (Kampfsport). "The main object", declares the directive, "is to steer the political thinking of the members and of all workers towards activism for the aim of peace and unity of Fatherland. From love of

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country arises the realization of the achievements of the homeland of the DDR and a passionate desire of all patriotic forces to fight to preserve them for our youth. Every sinew must be strained to strengthen and defend our state of workers and peasants."

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